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MALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health and Housing Committee
of the Rural District Council of Malton.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Malton Rural District for the year 1951.

W. R. M. COUPER.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area (in acres)	48,078
Estimate Mid-Year Population	5,651
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,743
Rateable Value	£19,520
Product of Penny Rate	£77

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births	54	36	90
Legitimate	51	34	85
Illegitimate	3	2	5
Stillbirths	1	1	2
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	15.9		
Illegitimate Rate (percentage of total births)	5.4		
Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 population)	0.36		

INFANT MORTALITY.

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of Infants under one year	2	1	3
Deaths of Infants under four weeks	1	—	1
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 related births)	33.3		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one month per 1,000 related births)	11.1		

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—	1
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	1
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	—	1
Measles	—	—	—
Other Infective and Paralytic Diseases	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	3	7
Leukæmia, Aleukæmia	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	—	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	5	6	11
Coronary Disease, Angina	3	4	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	—	1
Other Heart Disease	8	15	23
Other Circulatory Disease	3	2	5
Influenza	—	1	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	—	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhœa	—	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	2	4	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	—	—	—
Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—

Deaths from all causes	72
Death Rate (per 1,000 estimated population).....	12.7

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths attributable to pregnancy, childbirth or abortion during the year.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES DURING THE YEAR 1951.

	Live Birth Rate	Stillbirth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate
England and Wales	15.5	0.36	12.5	29.6
126 Great Towns and C.B.'s	17.3	0.45	13.4	33.9
148 Smaller Towns	16.7	0.38	12.5	27.6
London Admin. County	17.8	0.37	13.1	26.4
Malton R.D.	15.9	0.36	12.7	33.3

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year :—

Measles	117
Whooping Cough	7
Scarlet Fever	9
Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	1

During the year there was a considerable epidemic of measles. There was one death from whooping cough and one adult who developed poliomyelitis died.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND DEATHS DURING 1951.

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis (notified)	1	1	2
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis (notified)	1	—	1
Deaths	1	—	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY :

Medical Officer of Health W. R. M. Couper, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
 Sanitary Inspector - - W. E. Wigglesworth, Cert.R.San.I.,
 Cert. (Meat and Foods).

LOCAL SERVICES UNDER PART III OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

A mobile clinic staffed by an assistant county medical officer and a health visitor visits Whitwell, Welburn, Sheriff Hutton, Slingsby and Hovingham monthly. It operates as a child welfare centre and provides facilities for ante-natal and post-natal examinations. There is a child welfare centre at Swinton.

HEALTH VISITING, HOME NURSING AND DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY.

Health Visitor/Nurse/Midwives serving your district are resident at Swinton, Malton, Nunnington, Flaxton and York.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Ambulance stations situated in Malton and Haxby provide this service.

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATIONS.

Provision is made for primary immunization against diphtheria at child welfare centres. General practitioners also carry out immunizations and vaccinations.

The number of children immunized and re-immunized against diphtheria is not as great as it should be. It may be that the success that the immunization campaign has had in reducing the incidence of diphtheria has resulted in a certain degree of apathy towards the disease. Unless a high rate of immunization can be maintained there is always a danger that the disease again may become prevalent with unpleasant and frequently fatal results for the victims of parental ignorance or neglect.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

This service provides domestic help at a charge dependent on the income of the household in homes where there has been a confinement or ill-health of the mother and to the aged and infirm.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER SUPPLY.

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES.

Public Supply.

Parish	Type	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Broughton	P.F.	3	1
Amotherby	P.F.	3	0
Appleton-le-Street	P.F.	1	0
Barton-le-Street	P.F.	1	0
Slingsby	P.F.	3	0
Hovingham	Tap	1	0
Scackleton	Pump	0	5

Swinton	.....	.....	.....	P.F.	4	0
Terrington	.....	.....	.....	P.F.	2	0
Habton	.....	.....	.....	P.F.	2	0
Brawby	.....	.....	.....	P.F.	2	0
Butterwick	P.F.	1	0
Welburn	P.F.	1	0
Sheriff Hutton		1	0
Bulmer	P.F.	1	0
Raw Water		1	1
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Private Supplies.

Parish			Type	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Ganthorpe	Spring	—	1
Coneythorpe	.....	.....	Spring	1	—
Scackleton	.....	.....	Pumps	1	—
Scackleton	.....	.....	School	1	7
Welburn	.....	.....	Pump	—	1
				<hr/> 3	<hr/> 9

P.F. = Pillar Fountain.

It will be seen from the table that, with the exception of the village pump at Scackleton, public supplies generally were of good quality. The whole of the supply to Scackleton village is poor in quality and action is continuing to secure the connection of the various properties to the mains supply. Of the private supplies two only are of any size serving the village of Coneythorpe and the hamlet of Ganthorpe. These showed some slight contamination due principally to faulty storage arrangements.

Details of the number of houses supplied with water laid on to the houses or supplied by pillar fountain or other means are not yet available for the whole area. The figures for those parishes surveyed under the Housing Rural Survey are as follows:—

Parish	No. of Houses with Water Laid on	No. of Houses served by Standpipe	No. of Houses served by Wells, etc.
Welburn	69	20	1
Broughton	24	9	1
Swinton and Swinton Grange	85	39	4
Appleton-le-Street	7	7	—
Barton-le-Street	13	11	1
Amotherby	42	16	3
Scackleton	3	3	25
Totals	243	105	35

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The refuse collection service remains inadequate and despite the present difficult economic conditions this is a service which should be extended as soon as possible.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Work is still proceeding on the Street Village Sewage Scheme, the completion of which will relieve existing insanitary conditions to the five villages of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton-le-Street and Barton-le-Street and eliminate the difficulties being experienced in the disposal of sewage from the Council's Estates in this area. Apart from the Street Village area there is no danger to water supplies from the lack of proper schemes. The Installation of an efficient sewerage scheme in all the villages, is of course desirable, and in the case of Sheriff Hutton essential.

FOOD.

All shops and food preparing premises were inspected during the year. No outbreaks of food poisoning have occurred.

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Dwelling Houses :—

Consolidated Regulations	575
Water Supply	25
Overcrowding	7
Infectious Diseases	22
Improvement Grants (Section 20)	17

Sanitary Conveniences :—

Ashpits and Privies	92
Water Closets	8
Chemical Closets	2

Refuse Disposal :—

Tips	58
Refuse Collections	32

Drains and Sewers :—

Inspections	309
Cesspools and Septic Tanks	138
Water Tested	62
Public Urinals	—

Factories :—

With mechanical power	—
Without mechanical power	8
Outworkers	—

Food :—

Inspections	3
Condemnations	3

Food Storage (Preparation, etc.) :—

Butchers' shops	4
Fish friers	10

Sampling :—

Water	47
Milk	—

Miscellaneous :—

New buildings	118
Moveable dwellings	14
Gutters and water courses	87
Rats and mice	48
Building licences	6
Petroleum licences	3
Schools	25
Nuisances	38
Verminous houses	15
Works in progress	100
Capital housing	527
Miscellaneous	65
Shops	6
Ice cream	6

Total 2,470

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

A number of major infestations have been adequately dealt with by the Council's part-time rodent operative. The amount of work undertaken is gradually increasing and results so far have been satisfactory. No legal action has been taken during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

Six inspections were made. No contraventions were found.

CAMPING SITES.

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no trades under this heading.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are six licensed slaughter houses in the district, none of which are used for public slaughtering.

One application for a slaughterman's licence was received and granted. There are now 22 licensed slaughtermen under the above Act.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Three cases of infestation have been reported and the necessary action taken.

SCHOOLS.

It has been necessary to draw the attention of the County Council to the sanitation of schools in the district. The use of pail closets is still prevalent and in some cases insanitary earth closets have been found.

In some schools the number of wash hand basins is very small and some are of obsolescent type.

The school canteens which have been regularly inspected have proved to be well run and kept in a clean condition although in some cases the equipment is antiquated.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

No public slaughtering is carried out except pigs for home use and no carcasses have been inspected. Six inspections have been made of butchers' shops.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Registration of premises under Section 14:

Ice Cream dealers	.....	.....	4
Ice Cream manufacturers	.....	.....	Nil
Meat preparation	.....	.....	Nil
Fish Friers	.....	.....	Nil

SEPTIC TANKS AND CESSPOOLS.

A considerable amount of time has been taken up by the cleansing of septic tanks and cesspools and by the general maintenance of housing estate drainage systems, many of which are now becoming worn out. The proposed provision of a filtration plant to the Slingsby Estate is a welcome step in the right direction, but the needs of other Estates must soon receive consideration. The service of emptying cesspools by mechanical means has been in use during the year.

OPEN DITCHES.

These have been cleaned and maintained as regularly as possible by direct labour.

HOUSING.

1. NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR :

By Local Authority	22
By Private Enterprise	11
Number of houses under construction by Local Authority	12

The 22 houses erected by the Local Authority were as follows :—

Parish	No.	Type
Amotherby	12	Traditional
Sheriff Hutton	8	Traditional
Ryton	2	Traditional

12 Traditional Houses are in course of erection, 2 each at Amotherby, Bulmer, Scackleton, and Barton-le-Willows, and 4 at South Holme.

The housing programme has proceeded satisfactorily and with the completion of outstanding contracts the waiting list of needy persons should be substantially reduced. Indeed, the time may now have arrived when consideration could be given to the removal of the more unsatisfactory properties.

2. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

The additional sanitary inspector has carried out inspections of the villages of Broughton, Swinton, Amotherby, Appleton-le-Street, Barton-le-Street and Welburn, and over 350 houses have been inspected and recorded under the Hobhouse Survey.

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	359
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3. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR.

Number of defective dwelling-houses repaired or improved	16
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4. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in lieu of owners	Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of	
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	which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
2.	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
	(a) By owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
1.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
2.	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
D.	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
1.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
2.	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil
5.	HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING.	
A.	1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1
	2. Number of families dwelling therein	3
	3. Number of persons dwelling therein	9
B.	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
C.	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
D.	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil
E.	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	Nil

6. HOUSING ACT, 1949.

Only two applications for improvement grants were received during the year, one of which was approved and the other withdrawn. The continued rise in building costs has stultified the effect of this Act, for the amount of work that can be carried out within the limits prescribed, yearly becomes less and unless some re-adjustment in the maximum amount which can be expended is made, full use of this admirable Act cannot be expected.

